

CLAIMS

1. Panel (1), preferably floor panel, comprising

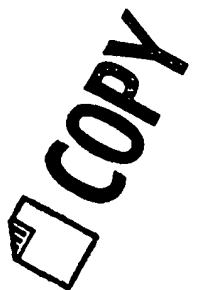
a decorative layer (4) with a decorative pattern,

a support layer (3) for supporting the decorative layer and

a carrier (2) for supporting the support layer (3) wherein the support layer (3) is arranged at least partially between the decorative layer (4) and the carrier (2)

characterized in that

the decorative layer (4) is at least partially absent, preferably removed, such that the support layer (3) is visible.
2. Panel of claim 1, **characterized by** the decorative layer (4) being absent at least in an area (5a,5b) located at an edge of the panel (1).
3. Panel of any of claims 1 or 2, **characterized by** the decorative layer (4) being absent in an area (5a,5b) located at one edge of the panel (1) but not at the opposite edge.
4. Panel of any of claims 1 to 3, **characterized by** the decorative layer (4) being at least absent in an area (5a,5b) of the panel (1) which is not located at the edge of the panel (1) .
5. Panel of any of claims 1 to 4, **characterized by** the decorative layer (4) being absent in an area (5a,5b) which is a strip.

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6. Panel of any of claims 1 to 5, **characterized in** that in the support layer (3) is partially absent, preferably removed, where the decorative layer (4) is absent.
7. Panel of any of claims 1 to 6, **characterized by** the panel (1) comprising an abrasive overlay (8) over the decorative layer (4).
8. Panel of claim 7, **characterized in** that the abrasive overlay (8) is absent where the decorative layer (4) is absent.
9. Panel of any of claims 1 to 8, **characterized by** the decorative layer (4) being a printed paper.
10. Panel of any of claims 1 to 9, **characterized by** the support layer (3) being a layer comprising kraft paper, which is preferably coloured or dyed.
11. Panel of any of claims 1 to 10, **characterized by** the carrier (2) comprising HDF, MDF, plastic, wood or the like.
12. Panel of any of claims 1 to 11, **characterized by** the cross section of the area (5a,5b) where the decorative layer (4) is absent being rectangular.
13. Panel of any of claims 1 to 12, **characterized by** connecting portions (6,7) at the edges of the panel (1) for connecting the panels (1) by snapping, tilting, clicking or the like with or without play.
14. Method of fabricating a panel, preferably a floor panel (1), comprising the step of preparing a sandwich of

a decorative layer (4) with a decorative pattern

a support layer (3) for supporting the decorative layer and

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a carrier (2) for supporting the support layer (3) wherein the support layer (3) is arranged between the decorative layer (4) and the carrier (2),


characterized by

the step of removing partially the decorative layer (4) such that the support layer (3) becomes visible or by not providing the decorative layer in some area.

15. Method of claim 14, **characterized in** that in the step of removing the decorative layer (4) the support layer is also partially removed.
16. Method of any of claims 14 or 15, **characterized in** that the sandwich is cut into single panels (1) before or after the step of removing the decorative layer (4) .
17. Method of any of claims 15 to 16, **characterized in** that the decorative layer (4) is removed by a saw (13), preferably a circular saw.
18. Method of any of claims 14 to 17, **characterized in** that the decorative layer (4) is removed in an area (5a,5b) of the shape of a stripe or preferably a plurality of stripes, where some of those stripes are preferably in an perpendicular orientation to each other.
19. Machine for fabricating panels, preferably floor panels, comprising
 - a support surface (17) for supporting panels (1)
 - a saw, preferably a circular saw (13), which extends beyond the support surface by an amount of not more than 1.0 mm, preferably 0.5 mm, and

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- a counter pressure mechanism for providing a counter pressure opposite of the circular saw.

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